

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

In one embodiment, a distributed simulation system may include a first node  
5 configured to participate in a simulation and a second node configured to transmit a hot  
pull command designating the first node. The first node does not participate in the  
simulation responsive to the hot pull command. In another embodiment, A distributed  
simulation system may include a first node configured to participate in a simulation and a  
second node configured to transmit a hot plug command designating the first node. The  
10 first node does not participate in the simulation prior to the hot plug command.  
Additionally, the first node begins participation in the simulation responsive to the hot  
plug command.